Use of Big Vessels for Deep Water Fishing

2921. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government ha\e done any study regarding the impact of useof 'Big Vessels' for deep water fishing;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) what arc the steps taken by Government to phase out 'Big Vessels' (Deep Sea Trawlers) from Indian coast ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHW HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R Murari to look into the problems of deep sea fishing sector. The terms of reference *inter-alia* included the study of the effects of deep sea vessels on traditional fishermen and marine ecology. The recommendations of Murari Committee have been accepted by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) during September 1996, and thereafter, the deep sea fishing policy of 1991 has been rescinded.

(c) No new permits, extension or renewal of the permits under Joint Ventures. Leasing, Test Fishing have since been issued. Charter Policies also ha\e been phased out.

Delay in Construction of Cyclone Shelter Centres in Orrisa

2922. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) w hethcr there has been an inordinate delay in the construction of cyclone shelter centres in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these shelters in the cyclone prone districts; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TPffi MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) to (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to take restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of

Orissa has set up the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority. Further follow-up action on the ground level is required to be taken by the State Government.

Schemes to Prepare Compost Manure

†2923. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 to 10 kilogram of dung per day can be obtained from grownup animals such as cows, oxes and buffaloes;

(b) whether the population of cows, oxes and buffaloes category is more than 28.8 crores as per the animal census of 1992;

(c) whether per annum availability of dung from the grown up animals in the country can be 63.072 crore metric tonnes;

(d) whether it is a fact that if compost manure is prepared from the dung from the available live stock then 450 crore tonne manure can be prepared which is more than two and half time than the need of total agricultural land; and

(e) if so, the scheme of Government to prepare compost manure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) ; (a) to (c) yes. Sir.

(d) and (e) Although no systematic study about potential for compost production has been undertaken so far, the factors of moisture, wastage, shrinkage etc. need to be also taken into account while estimate the total compost production. Collection and use of dung is an activity to be performed at farmers' level and the farmers are fully aware of its benefits. Use of dung as manure is very useful in maintaining soil productivity and crop production. Government of India, therefore, encourages the production, promotion and use of organic manure such as rural and urban compost and also other sources of organic manures. A Scheme on Balanced and integrated Use of Fertilisers is being implemented where preparation of compost from city biodegradable soUd waste is being encouraged.

Output of Prawn in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala

2924. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

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